



## stone TALK:

### FEATURED EXPERT

**NAME:** Bob Matz

**TITLE:** Craftsman & Stone Tech

**COMPANY:** Realstone Systems

**REALSTONE FAVE:**

Halona Mats



### FIREPLACES

During my time with Realstone Systems I have fielded many questions from homeowners wondering "where Realstone can be used?" It is simple, Anywhere you want to put it, inside or out. The key is to follow some simple rules of installation. The basics are securing the Realstone product to a cement based backer board using a polymer modified thinset mortar. It can also be installed over old brick, stone, and concrete providing that these substrates are free of paint or any other types of sealers, and remain in sound condition. It cannot be applied to drywall. In any case you want to be sure that you have at least 95% coverage on the back of the stone. The process is simple enough for the average homeowner to tackle many of their own projects. Giving that old dated fireplace a fresh new modern look, enhancing the entire room.

Have a question?  
Go to [www.realstonesystems.com](http://www.realstonesystems.com) and click Livechat. Bob just may be the one to answer.



## DIY FIREPLACE

**PROBLEM:** Outdated fireplace

**SOLUTION:** Sierra Shadowstone panels

Looking at this lovely fireplace you may think an expert stone mason labored away all week. In fact, the masons here were the novice DIY homeowners, who with a little help from Bob at Realstone, used the Livechat on our website to complete the project in one weekend.

“What really sold us on Realstone was that the corner pieces fit together for a very finished, professional look. We were even able to keep the stone angled above the mantle for a really custom look. We saved ourselves the mason’s \$1500 estimate and completed the work in two days. Now that the weather is warming we’re moving outside to work on a patio using more Realstone Systems Bluestone.”

Thanks for all of your help,  
Tom and Hope

Sierra Shadowstone Corner



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